



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : STAEHLER et al
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed July 11, 2006, for species a), a single specific species of support, the applicants hereby elect the support species of claim 40. All claims except claim 46 read on the elected species.

For species b), a single specific species of compound being immobilized, the applicants hereby elect receptor building blocks. All claims read on the elected species.

Early and favorable action on the present application, and specifically generic claim 39, is believed in order and is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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